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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/091,281
Filed: March 6, 2002
Title: **Optineurin Nucleic Acid Molecules and Uses Thereof**
Applicants: Vincent RAYMOND *et al.*
Atty. Docket No.: 13587.338

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Amendment and Reply to Office Action mailed May 5, 2004; and
2. Return postcard.

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In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 13587.338. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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